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### AMENDMENTS

#### In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 12.

Please add new claim 36.

Please re-write the claims as follows:

C<sub>1</sub> 7. (Amended) A method of adjusting the pH of a process stream or solution of a pulping or papermaking process comprising adding thereto a pH adjusting effective amount of urea sulfate, with the proviso that the process stream or solution is not a bleaching solution.

C<sub>2</sub> 36. (New) A method of adjusting the pH of a process stream or solution of a pulping or papermaking process comprising adding thereto a pH adjusting effective amount of urea sulfate, wherein the process stream or solution is selected from a prehydrolysis solution, a pulping solution, a pulping effluent stream, a recycled pulping process stream, a washing solution, a washing effluent, a sizing solution, a dyeing solution, or a papermaking effluent stream.

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